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Sir:

It has been over a year since the above-identified application has been filed. To date, no Office Action has been received. Would you kindly advise the undersigned of the status of this case.

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